

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at p. 12, lines 15-25, as follows:

The recombinant yeast can be selected from any known genus and species of yeast. Yeasts are described by N. J. W. Kreger-van Rij, "The Yeasts," Vol. 1 of Biology of Yeasts, Ch. 2, A. H. Rose and J. S. Harrison, Eds. Academic Press, London, 1987. For example, the yeast genus can be *Saccharomyces*, *Zygosaccharomyces*, *Candida*, *Hansenula*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Debaromyces*, *Nadsonia*, *Lipomyces*, *Torulopsis*, *Kloeckera*, *Pichia*, *Schizosaccharomyces*, *Trigonopsis*, *Brettanomyces*, *Cryptococcus*, *Trichosporon*, *Aureobasidium*, *Lipomyces*, *Phaffia*, *Rhodotorula*, *Yarrowia*, or *Schwanniomyces*, among others. *Saccharomyces*, *Zygosaccharomyces*, *Kluyveromyces* spp. are preferred. More preferably, the yeasts are *S. cerevisiae*, *Z. bailii* and *K. lactis*. Even more preferably, the yeast is *S. cerevisiae* strain GRF18U or W3031B, *Z. bailii* ATCC 60483, or *K. lactis* PM6-7A. *S. cerevisiae* GRF18U (MAT α *his3 leu2 ura3*), *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* ATCC 201238 (also known as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* W3031B), *Zygosaccharomyces bailii* ATCC 60483, and *Kluyveromyces lactis* PM6-7A were deposited with the Agricultural Research Service Culture Collection (NRRL), 1815 North University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604, USA on July 31, 2000; June 24, 2008; June 27, 2003; and June 24, 2008, respectively. The deposited GRF18U was given the accession number NRRL Y-30320; the deposited W3031B was given the accession number NRRL Y-50148; the deposited ATCC 60483 was given the accession number NRRL Y-30671; and the deposited PM6-7A was given the accession number NRRL Y-50149. These deposits were made under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and the regulations thereof (Budapest Treaty). The yeast strains will be made available by the NRRL under the

terms of the Budapest Treaty upon issue of a U.S. patent with pertinent claims. Availability of the deposited yeasts is not be construed as a license to practice the invention in contravention of the rights granted under the authority of any government in accordance with its patent laws.